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La Salle University Joins New Conference

The La Salle University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics will end its nine-year association with the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and join a new, yet to be named, conference consisting of Duquesne University and the seven current member institutions of the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, La Salle President *Brother F. Patrick Ellis* announced today.

La Salle will begin play in the new conference beginning with the 1992-93 academic year. Its total membership will include: **Butler University, University of Dayton, Duquesne University, University of Detroit Mercy, University of Evansville, La Salle University, Loyola University of Chicago and Xavier University.**

The University of Notre Dame is also a full-time member competing in all sports except men's basketball and football. However, at present, Notre Dame does schedule each MCC school and La Salle in men's basketball annually. Duquesne has been added to the Fighting Irish's 1992-93 schedule.

"This new conference appears to be a logical home for La Salle in terms of both the attractive matchups it will provide in all sports, and, even more significantly, in the educational philosophy of all member institutions," Ellis said. "We look forward eagerly to the relationship. Reluctantly, we have to leave the MAAC and our many friends in it in order to fulfill several other goals of our athletic program."

Tucker DiEdwardo, commissioner of the MCC, who will also serve as commissioner of the

renamed conference, said this is the "first step in the expansion of the MCC" and that the league will "move forward aggressively with the goal to become a 12-16 team conference by the 1993-94 academic year."

"We are obviously very pleased that La Salle and Duquesne have decided to affiliate with our conference," DiEdwardo added. "The addition of these two institutions is a major step toward enhancing the conference's national image, deliberately changing the focus of the conference from a regional nature to a national scope."

DiEdwardo said he anticipates announcing the conference's new name in the spring.

La Salle Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, **Robert Mullen** said he is hopeful for future conference expansion as it will allow its members to benefit from an East-West divisional alignment.

"The similarity in academic and athletic philosophies shared by the current membership should be very attractive to other private schools of this type," Mullen said. "The potential in areas of student recruitment, athletic marketing and television exposure, not only makes this move exciting for La Salle University, but it also makes conference expansion inevitable."

The conference has a game-of-the-week television package with Host Creative Sports of Charlotte, NC, who also assists the league in the network placement of games.

The conference boasts a rich tradition of success in men's basketball as its membership has earned a combined 44 NCAA Tournament berths as well as 60 appearances in the National Invitation Tournament. These figures exclude Notre Dame's post-season achievements.

In all, three conference schools (Butler, La Salle and Xavier) made 1991 post-season appearances.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the La Salle community," La Salle head men's basketball coach "**Speedy**" **Morris** said. "Our students, alumni and supporters will enjoy having prestigious institutions such as Xavier, Dayton, Duquesne and all of the other league schools come into the Philadelphia Civic Center."

"I will miss the MAAC because of the numerous class people and coaches involved," Morris added. "However, we have to do what is best for La Salle."

In addition to basketball success, the conference will boast one of the largest population bases of any athletic conference. Members are located in three of the top seven television markets and six of the top 30. They are #3-Chicago (Loyola of Chicago), #4-Philadelphia (La Salle), #7-Detroit (Detroit Mercy), #17-Pittsburgh (Duquesne), #24-Indianapolis (Butler) and #29-Cincinnati (Xavier).

The conference will sponsor championships in 15 sports and will receive automatic bids to the NCAA Championships in Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Baseball and Men's Soccer. Future automatic bids are expected in Women's Soccer, Women's Volleyball and Softball.

Conference championship sports are: Baseball, Basketball (Men's & Women's), Cross Country (M & W), Golf (M), Indoor Track (M & W), Soccer (M), Softball, Swimming (M & W), Tennis (M & W) and Volleyball (W). La Salle fields varsity teams in each sport.



La Salle Inducts Five Into Hall of Athletes

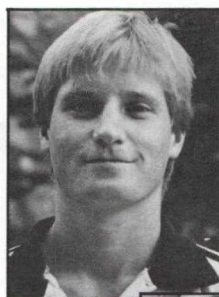
The La Salle University Alumni Hall of Athletes inducted four former Explorer athletes and a former coach at its annual dinner, October 11, in the school's Union Ballroom.

The Alumni Board approved the Selection Committee's proposal that three regular inductees be augmented by the addition of a Senior sub-committee recommendation and a Coaches' Corner selection.

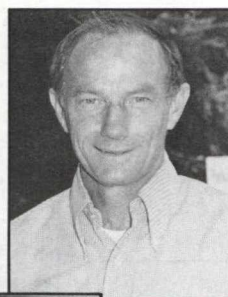
This year's inductees were **Steve Black, '85; Maureen Kramer, '81, and Bob "Ace" McCann, '50 (basketball); Mike Kogut, '84 (soccer), and Bill Wilkinson, soccer coach for 17 years from 1969 until 1986.**

Black scored 2,012 points and ranks as La Salle's fourth all-time leading scorer behind Lionel Simmons, Michael Brooks and Tom Gola. He averaged 19.7 points per game while being named to the All-Philadelphia Big 5 team three times. The award for Black, who is playing pro ball in Germany, was accepted by his brother Michael.

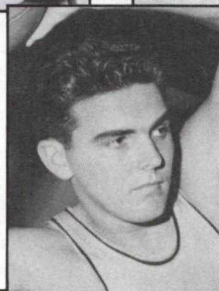
Kramer, one of La Salle's first inductees into the Big 5 Women's Hall of Fame, is the university's all-time women's scorer with 1,502 points and is second in rebounds with 1,050.



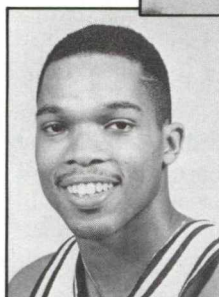
Mike Kogut



Bill Wilkinson



Bob ▶
McCann



Steve Black



Maureen Kramer

Kogut was a regional All-American nominee as the Explorers' goalkeeper in 1983 and was voted to the Philadelphia Soccer Seven team in 1981, '82 and '83. During his varsity career in the nets, he posted a record of 31-14-4.

Wilkinson, only the seventh member of the Alumni Hall of Athletes Coaches' Corner, fielded teams which posted a .591 percentage while opposing some of the highest-ranked teams in the East. In his reign, the Explorers won three Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference titles, two ECAC championships and one East Coast Conference title.

At various times, he was voted MAAC Coach of the Year three times, the Mid-Atlantic Coach of the Year and the Soccer Seven Coach of the Year.

McCann, an outstanding playmaker during the Larry Foust era (1946-50), becomes the first athlete to be inducted at the recommendation of the Seniors Committee.

To be considered by the Seniors Committee, a candidate must be out of school 40 years. McCann was an exceptional guard at a time when La Salle was making its big plunge into national prominence. His first La Salle coach, Charlie McGlone, described McCann as "the complete basketball player, offensively and defensively." During McCann's four years on the varsity, La Salle was 82-21.

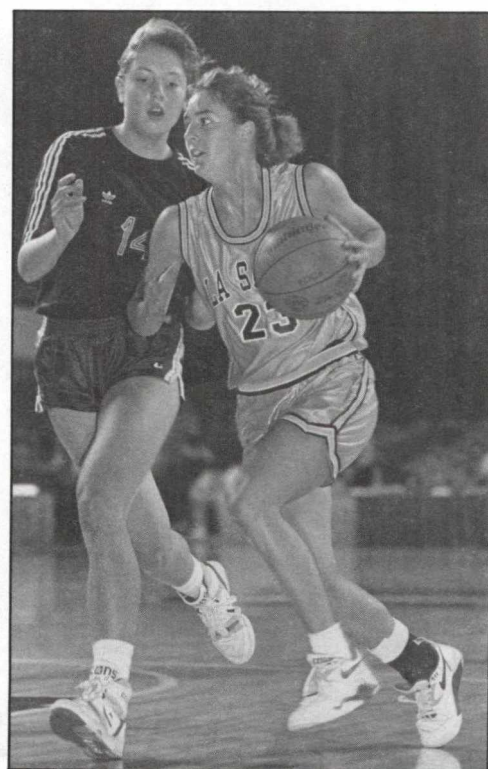
Days Hotel La Salle Invitational Captured By Explorers

For the fourth time in his six years as Head Coach of La Salle, John Miller guided his team to the La Salle Invitational championship title. The Explorers found their way to glory by defeating Colgate, Marquette and finally Butler in the title game. This is also the fourth time in the twelve year history of the tournament that La Salle swept all three.

Victory over Colgate came very easily in the way of a 92-44 score. Solid contributions were made by several Explorers. Junior Jennifer Cole (Valparaiso, IN) posted some big numbers with a game-high seventeen points in just fifteen minutes. Freshman Allyson Blue (Barnesville, PA) had a coming-out party with a career-high sixteen points on 8-13 FG shooting. Another big night was had by Lisa Auman (Birdsboro, PA) and Laura Reigstad (Sparta, NJ). Auman also had a career game in points and rebounds with sixteen and eleven, respectively. Reigstad posted 14 points (7-10 FG). As a team, La Salle shot 55 percent from the field and 83 percent from the charity stripe.

La Salle met Marquette in round two, and convincingly shut the Warriors down in the second half to take a 106-88 win. Marquette had held a 42-41 advantage at half-time. This second half surge was aided by 67 percent shooting from the field. Cole led the attack once again with 29 points, five rebounds and six steals in thirty minutes. Also coming up big for La Salle was sophomore Mary Heller (Uniondale, PA), who continues to come off the bench in impressive style. Heller scored a career-high 21 points (7-9 FG, 7-8 FT) and grabbed 11 boards. Mimi Harris (Flushing, MI) led the playmaking attack with 12 assists.

The championship game provided a showing of future conference rival, Butler University of Indianapolis. La Salle led the entire game, but spoiled an 18 point lead to keep the outcome in doubt right down to the buzzer. The home team held on, however, winning 75-71 to start their first Midwestern Collegiate Conference rivalry. Tina Tunink (Calhan, CO) lit it up for a game-high 18 points in just 19 minutes. Cole added 17 points and 10 rebounds and Jennifer McGowan (Glenside, PA) added a crucial 11 points and six rebounds. Making the All-Tournament team for La Salle were Jennifer Cole, Tournament MVP, and Jennifer McGowan.



Jennifer Cole - 1991 Days Hotel La Salle Invitational Tournament MVP



La Salle Women's Basketball Fans

To: La Salle Women's Basketball Booster Club and Fans
 From: Tom Meier, Associate Athletic Director
 Re: Bleacher Seating—Hayman Hall

Now that the repairs have been completed, I wanted to write just a brief note to thank you for your patience during the repair process. It was a long and very expensive project but it had to be done due to the age and the condition of the bleachers.

As you may know, Hayman Hall was designed in the late 1960's when La Salle College was an all male school with 1700 students and six varsity sports. (Currently, we have over 6000 full and part-time students with 22 varsity sports.) The building was built in the "spirit of the Big Five" which meant that no plans were made for a home arena since all basketball games would be played at the Palestra. The ground breaking for Hayman Hall was held in June, 1969. Not long after that, La Salle College decided to become co-educational which "dated" the building before it even opened. The portable bleachers were a compromise to the lack of a home arena and had to be brought in piece by piece and assembled on site. However, the bleachers are far from indestructible and 20+ years of use had finally taken their toll.

All of the repair work was scheduled to be done before the beginning of the season but, obviously, there were the inevitable delays. Our best alternative was to provide temporary folding chairs, at least for the comfort of a seat during time-outs or at half-time.

In any case, the bleachers have been returned and, while they won't make spectatorship any more comfortable, they will at least provide better lines of sight. Again, we truly appreciate your patience and your loyal support of La Salle Athletics. Thank you.

La Salle's 1991 MAAC Fall All-Academic Team

Sean Carr—Sr. Golf	Economics/Political Science	3.86
Dennis Christopher—So. Tennis	Business Management	3.21
Sheila Regan—Sr. Cross Country	Accounting	3.53
Thomas Schwind—Sr. Cross Country	Finance	3.04
Jennifer Wutzer—Sr. Volleyball	Marketing/Finance	3.02

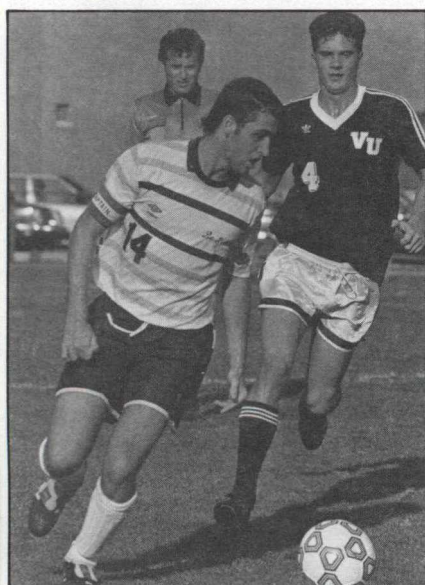
Remaining Men's Basketball Schedule

Jan. 18	at St. Peter's*	Jersey City, NJ	8:00 pm	WSSJ/WNPV	WPHL
Jan. 19	Pennsylvania	The Spectrum	7:00 pm	WIP	PRISM
Jan. 23	at Temple	Phila., PA	9:30 pm	WIP	ESPN
Jan. 25	CANISIUS*	Civic Center	7:30 pm	WNPV/WVSJ	COMCAST
Jan. 28	at Manhattan*	Riverdale, NY	7:30 pm	WNPV/WVSJ	
Feb. 2	at Siena*	Albany, NY	2:00 pm	WIP	
Feb. 7	at Iona*	New Rochelle, NY	7:30 pm	WSSJ/WNPV	SPCH
Feb. 9	LOYOLA (MD)*	Civic Center	2:00 pm	WIP	PRISM
Feb. 11	at St. Joseph's	Phila., PA	7:00 pm	WSSJ/WNPV	SPCH
Feb. 15	at Brigham Young	Provo, UT	9:30 pm	WIP	COMCAST
Feb. 19	ST. PETER'S*	Civic Center	7:30 pm	WIP	COMCAST
Feb. 21	FAIRFIELD*	Civic Center	7:30 pm	WNPV/WVSJ	
Feb. 23	NIAGARA*	Civic Center	2:00 pm	WIP	
Feb. 26	at Loyola (MD)*	Baltimore, MD	7:30 pm	WSSJ/WNPV	
Feb. 28	MANHATTAN*	Civic Center	7:30 pm	WSSJ/WNPV	COMCAST
Mar. 1	at Fairfield*	Fairfield, CT	2:00 pm	WSSJ/WNPV	
Mar. 6-9	MAAC Tournament	Albany, NY	(Knickerbocker Arena)		

All Home Games (in bold caps) at: Philadelphia Civic Center, 34th St. & Civic Center Blvd.

* - MAAC Game. All Dates and Times (Eastern) Subject to Change.

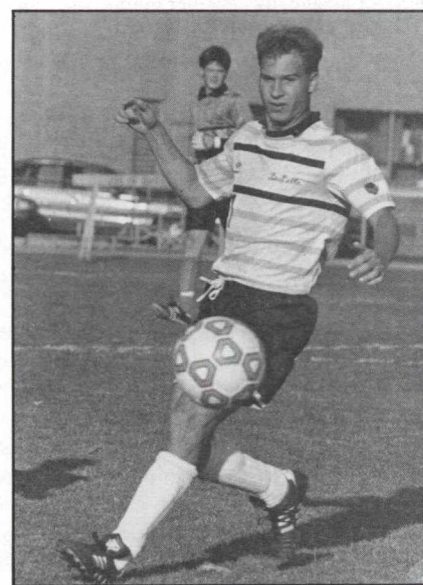
WSSJ (1310 AM); WNPV (1440 AM); WIP (610 AM); WVSJ (1360 AM); PRISM (Regional Cable); SPCH (Sports Channel Philadelphia); WPHL-TV (Channel 17-Philadelphia); COMCAST (Cable Channel 66).



Georg Montag

MEN'S SOCCER

Georg Montag and Jeff Van Tiem of the La Salle University men's soccer team were recently honored by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Montag, a senior midfielder, was honored as an All-Mid Atlantic first team selection, after he registered seven goals and 10 assists in 17 games while serving as team co-captain. Van Tiem, a junior forward, posted 19 goals and six assists, earning a spot on the second team. Montag is a repeat selection having been named to the second team last year.



Jeff Van Tiem



La Salle University

Track Alumni News

Current News

Irv "Moon" Mondschein, a former Olympian, was hired as an assistant track coach.

Alumni News

Brent Barnhill '85 has qualified for the 1992 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials. Brent ran 2 hours, 17 minutes and finished fourth in the 1991 Las Vegas marathon. The Trials will be held April 11, 1992 in Columbus, Ohio. The top three finishers will go to the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

Ira Davis '58 was recently inducted (along with Wilt Chamberlain) in Overbrook High School's newly established Hall of Fame. Ira, from Overbrook's Class of 1954, made the U.S. Olympic track and field team in 1956, 1960 and 1964.

Tim Collins '87 won the 3rd annual LSU Alumni Run, held on October 12, 1991. The two mile race went around and through the La Salle campus. Chasing Tim to the finish were John Kelly '82 and Scott Lash '82.

Brent Barnhill '85 and Kevin Ruch '86 finished first and second respectively in the 1991 Broad Street Run.

Alumni Activities

March 14 - Track Banquet at La Salle University (alumni and current team)

March 24 - La Salle Relays at La Salle, including St. Joe's, Temple, Rider, etc., featuring alumni relays and alumni one-mile run

April 24 - Alumni social at Penn Relays

May 2 - Alamo Alumni Run at Central Park, NYC (5 miles)

Oct. 10 - Alumni Run at La Salle (2 miles through campus)

Track Booster Club News

Attention all Track and Field and Cross Country Alumni, as well as friends of the same! La Salle is currently organizing an official Booster Club for these sports and will celebrate its inception with a Spring Banquet to be held at Hayman Hall on Saturday, March 14th. The Banquet will consist of a cocktail hour and dinner and you are encouraged to bring your better half. Further information and invitations will be forthcoming. For additional information, please call either Jim Bologitz (215) 659-9212 or Tim Collins (908) 494-1497.

The following alumni have already expressed extreme interest in attending:

Al Cantello '55
Ira Davis '58
Pete Dougherty '66
Vic Gavin '57
Paul Minehan '64
Steve French '65
Mike Costello '70
Tom Hoban '83
Jim Bologitz '83
Beth Leneweaver '87
Bill Donovan '90
Jason Harris '90
Terry Gallagher '90
Gretchen Heebner '88
Brendan Costello '73
John Kelly '82
Jim Higgins '66
Maureen Higgins '90
Rob Irvine '85
David Richards '85
Tony Morelli '86
Doug Miller '84
Tim Barton '85
Tim Collins '87
Dave Bologitz '84
Kevin Ruch '86
Jim Gulick, Jr. '89

Additionally, Coach Gulick will honor this year's team and they will be joined by their parents.

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